(c) The clarifications on the above mentioned audited objections have already been sent to Director General (audit), Central Revenues, New Delhi.

Implementation of health schemes through Panchayati Raj Institutions

†1898. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to achieve the targets of National Population Policy 2000 and National Health Policy through National Rural Health Mission, it is being implemented at the level of Panchayati Raj Institutions, NGOs, National, State, district and other levels to give it comprehensive and meaningful form; and

(b) if so, the details of implementing this mission in given time-frame, State-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is a holistic, sector wide umbrella initiative being implemented all over the country with the objective of reducing the IMR, MMR and TFR as envisaged in the National Population Policy 2000 and the National Health Policy. The Mission envisages an important role for the PRIs, NGOs and other community level organisations in all the initatives.

The Mission was formally launched all over country on 12th April, 2005 and is operative from 2005 to 2012. During the first year, which was the preparatory phase of the Mission, States have set up Institutional Framework of the Mission. The detailed framework for Implementation of the Mission has since been approved by the competent authority and strategies envisaged therein are being operationalised in all the states and districts. Till date, State Health missions have been constituted in 34 states and UTs, Department of Health and Family Welfare have been merged in 33 States and UTs, all health and family welfare societies have been merged into a common state/District Health society in 29 States, 6067 Rogi Kalyan Samitis have been registered. 1.21 lakh voluntary community link workers called Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHAs) have also been selected in 10 States.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.